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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 26, 2002, in which the Examiner identified two patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. In accordance with an interview with the Examiner on April 12, 2002, Species I relates to an identification card personalization device having a web server for serving data, and Species II relates to an identification card personalization device having a web client for subscribing to data. The Examiner identified Species I as being exemplified in FIG. 1 and Species II as being exemplified in FIG. 2. Applicant respectfully believes that both of the identified species are exemplified in FIGS. 1 and 2 of the present application. Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Species II, on which Claims 33-53 are readable.

In Section 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner imposed a restriction and identified the following groups of inventions:

I. Claims 1, 33, 2-3, 13-14, 37-38 drawn to a distributed data link within a network for transferring data to the card printing device of an identification card

- personalization device, classified in class 700, subclass 236.
- II. Claims 1, 33, 4, 22-28, 34-36, 39, 49 drawn to an identification card personalization device with subsystem for distributing print data for customization of an identification card, classified in class 700, subclass 233.
- III. Claims 1, 33, 5-12, 29-32, 40-46, 50-53 drawn to a printing device and its control of an identification card personalization device, classified in class 700, subclass 235.
- IV. Claims 1, 33, 15-23, 47-48 drawn to a network interconnecting hardware and software of the distributed identification card personalization device, classified in class 700, subclass 241.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group II, with traverse. Applicant believes that claims 1 and 33 are each sufficiently novel to link the identified inventions. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the requirement be withdrawn upon reconsideration.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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